



Dear Friend,

I am so proud to call Hawaii my home, and I, like you, value our natural beauty and our way of life. That is why I am dedicated to preserving the uniqueness of our environment.

Hawaii is full of many natural resources that we must protect. The effects of global warming are very real, and together, we can work to find new, "green fuels" to help Hawaii become less dependent on foreign oil.

I'm committed to ensuring that our children and families continue to enjoy all the things that we love about living here – clean air, clean water and our beautiful coastlines. I am fighting for ways that Hawaii can become more energy efficient. By committing to energy independence, we can lower the cost of food and stop paying record amounts for gasoline. I hope you will join me in this fight.

Mahalo –

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Our Hawaii...



Mazie discusses developments at the Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary.



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Protecting Our Environment

- After decades of Big Oil reaping record profits, voted to end their massive tax subsidies and to improve accountability of oil and gas companies (H.R. 5351).
- Fighting to reduce greenhouse emissions and global warming by cosponsoring the Climate Stewardship Act and the Safe Climate Act (H.R. 620, H.R. 1590, P.L. 110-140).
- Securing \$2 million to clean up a military dump site near Bellows Beach (P.L. 11-116).



Mazie discusses plans for land preservation at Kauai Public Land Trust.

A Better Future

- Successfully fighting for more money to protect and enhance Hawaii's special places, such as the Campbell National Wildlife Refuge, where an additional \$3.9 million will be spent (P.L. 110-161).
- Committing to homegrown biofuels by working with Hawaii-based companies to use our unique environment to cleanly and safely harness energy from such sources as algae and sugar cane (H.R. 5351, H.R. 6, H.R. 2419).
- Working to restore and protect many of our native species, forests and coral reefs.

Easy Tips to Keep Hawaii Green

Tip 1: Go green at the grocery store. Reuse old plastic bags at the grocery store, or use cloth bags.

Tip 2: Switch from light bulbs to CFC bulbs. Buying compact fluorescent light bulbs will save energy, and they are built to last for years.

Tip 3: Insulate your water heater. An insulating jacket costs just ten or twenty dollars, but can save your family money, as well as thousands of pounds of wasted CO₂ in a year.

Tip 4: Hot water accounts for 90% of the energy used by washing machines. Wash in cold water when possible. Solar panels are a great choice for reducing or eliminating electric utility costs for your home.



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